

NATIONAL SECURITY GROUP INC
Form 8-K
October 21, 2008
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT

PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES

EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): October 21, 2008

THE NATIONAL SECURITY GROUP, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

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| Delaware (State or other jurisdiction of incorporation) | 0-18649 (Commission File Number) | 63-1020300 (IRS Employer Identification No.) |
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| 661 East Davis Street Elba, Alabama 36323 (Address of principal executive offices) | 36323 (Zip Code) |
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Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (334) 897-2273

N/A
(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

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 - Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))
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Item 8.01. Other Events

On October 21, 2008, The National Security Group, Inc. filed an 8-K to disclose the issuance of a press release regarding estimated catastrophe losses as result of insurance subsidiary losses caused by Hurricane Gustav and Hurricane Ike. A copy of this press release is attached as Exhibit 99.1 to this report and is incorporated herein by reference.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits

(c) Exhibits

| <u>Exhibit No.</u> | <u>Description of Document</u> |
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| 99.1 | Press release, dated October 21, 2008, issued by The National Security Group, Inc. |
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SIGNATURE

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

Dated: October 21, 2008

The National Security Group, Inc.

By: /s/ Brian R. McLeod
Brian R. McLeod

Chief Financial Officer

Ex. 99.1

The National Security Group, Inc.
661 East Davis Street
Elba, AL 36323

PRESS RELEASE

Projected Losses—Hurricane Gustav and Hurricane Ike

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

For Additional Information: Contact Brian McLeod – Chief Financial Officer @ (334) 897-2273.

Elba, Alabama (October 21, 2008)...On August 31, 2008, Hurricane Gustav, a Category 2 hurricane, made landfall on the Louisiana Gulf Coast. Less than two weeks later, Hurricane Ike, another Category 2 hurricane, made landfall in Texas on September 13, 2008. Total losses from Gustav and Ike are expected to be in the range of \$16.2 to \$18.2 million. We expect 2008 net income to be reduced within the range of \$5.9 million to \$6.1 million, or a reduction in earnings per share as a result of these events is expected to be in the range of \$2.39 to \$2.49 per share.

With respect to Hurricane Gustav, we are revising preliminary losses based on current incurred losses (paid loss and loss adjustment expense plus unpaid loss and loss adjustment expense) which exceed the previously estimated range. We now expect 2008 net income to be reduced within the range of \$3.8 million to \$3.9 million, or a reduction in earnings per share as a result of this event is expected to be in the range of \$1.54 to \$1.59 per share. This revised projection is based on total Company losses falling within a range of \$12.7 million to \$14.0 million, before reductions for reinsurance recoveries. After consideration of amounts to be recovered through reinsurance, Company net losses and associated claims settlement costs are expected to range from \$6.3 million to \$6.5 million on a pre-tax basis.

With respect to Hurricane Ike, we project net income will be reduced within in a range of \$2.1 million to \$2.2 million, or a reduction in earnings as a result of this event is expected to be in the range of \$0.85 to \$0.90 per share. The projected impact on earnings is based on total Company insured losses falling within a range of \$3.5 million to \$4.2 million. Given that under the Company's catastrophe reinsurance program, we retain the first \$3.5 million in losses from each event, there will be no reduction in incurred losses related to Hurricane Ike for reinsurance recoveries until losses exceed \$3.5 million. With this in mind, after consideration of amounts to be recovered through reinsurance, Company net losses and associated claims settlement costs are expected to range from \$3.5 million to \$3.7 million on a pre-tax basis.

Loss estimates were derived by an evaluation of Company specific exposures and computer aided modeling of the path of Hurricane Gustav and is the best information available to management at this time. The estimates could be materially affected by, among other things, the number of insureds impacted by the hurricane, the amount and timing of losses actually incurred and reported by insureds, the preliminary nature of current estimates and the amount and timing of reinsurance recoverable collections.

While a material impact on earnings cannot be avoided in a period impacted by an event of the magnitude of Hurricane Gustav, our ability to continue operations, serve our policyholders and strive to provide long-term value to our stockholders will not be affected.

About The National Security Group Inc.

The National Security Group Inc. through its insurance subsidiaries provides property, liability, life, accident and supplemental health insurance products in thirteen states. Primary property and casualty insurance subsidiaries are National Security Fire and Casualty and Omega One Insurance Company, which provide primarily personal lines dwelling, homeowners, mobile homeowners, and automobile insurance coverage in twelve states, primarily in the Southeastern United States. National Security Insurance Company is a wholly owned subsidiary providing life, accident and supplemental health insurance coverage in five states. The Company is listed on the NASDAQ Global Market under the symbol: NSEC.

Information about forward-looking statements

Any statement contained in this report which is not a historical fact, or which might otherwise be considered an opinion or projection concerning the Company or its business, whether expressed or implied, is meant as and should be considered a forward-looking statement as that term is defined in the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. Forward-looking statements are based on assumptions and opinions concerning a variety of known and unknown risks, including but not limited to changes in market conditions, natural disasters and other catastrophic events, increased competition, changes in availability and cost of reinsurance, changes in governmental regulations, technological changes, political and legal contingencies and general economic conditions, as well as other risks and uncertainties more completely described in the Company's filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission. If any of these assumptions or opinions proves incorrect, any forward-looking statements made on the basis of such assumptions or opinions may also prove materially incorrect in one or more respects and may cause future results to differ materially from those contemplated, projected, estimated or budgeted in such forward-looking statements.